GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Maintenance of Old Tracks
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has ordered all the zonal railways to carry out inspection of tracks and maintain them according to standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether during the inspection carried out at many places, it has been found that the tracks were in very shabby condition; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b) Indian Railways have a system of scheduled inspections by Railway officials which, inter alia, includes daily inspection by Keyman, inspection/monitoring at predefined interval by various levels of inspecting officials and measurement/monitoring of track parameters by Track Recording Cars (TRCs) and Oscillation Monitoring Systems (OMS). In addition, directives/instructions/guidelines are issued and special drives are launched from time to time at various levels viz Divisions, Zonal Railways and Railway Board.
(c) & (d) No, Madam. However, wear of track and generation of defects is a normal process due to passing of traffic and the maintenance schedules of tracks have been drawn up keeping the same in view. The defects noticed during inspection get rectified in a planned manner. If considered necessary, suitable speed restrictions are imposed by field officials till rectification of defects is done.
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